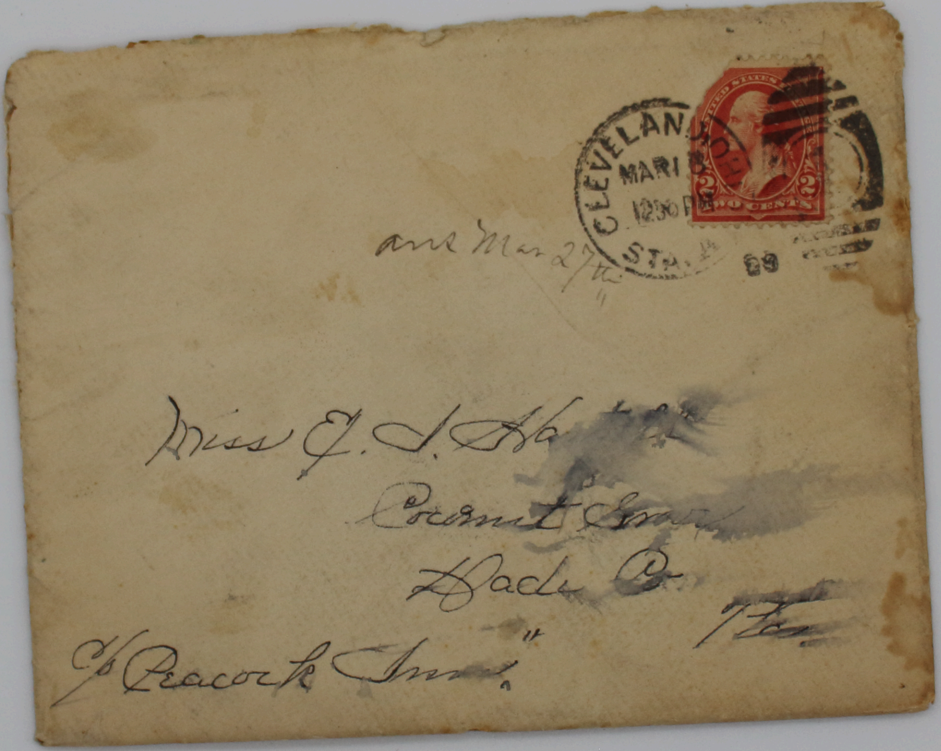

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My dear Sister Edith:—

Well

Mother has gone to prayer meeting and I am alone so I will cheerfully endeavor to answer your sweet letter of the 12, Edith you do not know how I appreciated your sweet interesting epistle, for really I had begun to think that you had forgotten your little (or big) Tooty as she is now).

Yes I know the weather there is perfectly delightful and you my dear do not wish I were there any more than I, for I think

that country is what we
may properly call, "Paradise".
don't you agree with me?

It pleases me to hear of
you having such "gay old
times." yes indeed I do
think that the dinner the
young man got up for
you ladies was simply
fine, a lucky woman
whom gets him, you
had better set your kap
for him.

I don't wonder at all
at the people staring the
day you all took that
hay wagon ride wish I
could have been stand at to
for I know you had lots
of fun.

How nice it will be for
the Hotel to have a ball for

its guests, do you dear dance? Thanks for your kind invitation to join you and friends on your picnic I certainly would enjoy it immensely, but right here Sister I want you to be careful on your sailing trips. very careful. and don't go when it is rough at all or when to many are on board, now mind dear.

I receive at least one letter a week from dear Mabel. and she insists upon my writing three times a week which it is a pleasure for me to do she says she appreciates my letters so much. and I try to improve of hope to come home yet. but I am afraid our pleadings are in vain. She wants John and I to come and see her this fall. I cry over her every day and it seems as though there had been a death in the family it is so lonesome, no Edith. I dont know any thing about her gentleman friends or love affairs at all if I did I would make it my business to see him at once.

Edith my dear you are not able to take a position of that kind in a oculist office or any kind of work at all and I dont want you to do any thing of the kind for you are not made to work.

Whee, 'Gee,' if you keep on that pace of gaining six pounds in two weeks you will soon be looking like a "bochy," won't you? I am tickled to death over it. keep on and you will be O.K. for I want you to surprise me when we next meet to see you looking better than I ever did, How much do you weigh now?

Yes I am losing but I am still not boney by any means. I presume it is my female trouble that pulled me down and my cough is getting awfully bothersome, especially at nights but when warm weather comes I hope to be better, I have been trying different cough remedies but give them up, yes I am nearly well of my female trouble but dear I suffered O, so awfully no one can ever know. the reason I did not tell you dear

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was because you would have worried and I dont want to tell you any thing that will cause my "Harry" to fret. O! if you only could get G. T. R. to pay your Dr bill, but dear you dont mean to say yours is over a hundred dollars and that you have to pay it? dont the Government see to that?

he sent me $5.00 the other day. I want to get a nice tailor made suit to travel in this summer, and several light wash dresses, also, G. T. will have to get a man in here for I intend leaving here in June, the (fore part,") You ask why I dont go up in the Mt in July, because I have it all nearly arranged dear and

John is going to get me a pass from Cincinatta to Chattanooga and his father is leading attorney for the Q. & C. R.R. which makes it easy for him, and how do you think Lt. Jack & I could wait five months to see each other, Why these four are nearly killing us both.

Why are you afraid to give Mr K— my regards? You seem to doubt me about your asking me to write to your St Louis man, But you certainly did, or "you sure did" as the coons say, bi her. I saw you at [illegible] Minter too. now, do you remember Sis'?

Mabel does not believe my picture looks like me but it does looks just like I did the day I returned from matinee. she thinks I look sad and sick, but no one thinks they do me justice.

Thank you Sister I would be engaged to come to Pitts to see you and think I shall come on my way home from the Pitt, but I want and insist upon your stopping over in Cleve- on your return.

How very sorry I am that you have bowel trouble do you have it all the time or in other words is it chronic with you? do take good care of yourself for I never can stand to see you ever have another sick spell. and it grieves me no little to hear of your hair falling out so but dont have it shingled if you possible can help it, for mine does not grow at all and thin as you say that I cant hold in my hair pins, so several weeks ago I had the hair you cut off when I had Thyphoid) made into a switch. it only cost me $1.00 dont you think that very reasonable? in Chattanooga they ask 60¢ a ounce.

Well Edith in answer to your query of what Jack & I find so much to talk about. it would be hard for me to tell you but we never run out of talking material but once in a while we

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am out of writing material (paper), but all of your letters are sincible all right, we dont write such sickening love letters that is so common now days, Edith do you remember of his picture I showed you when you were sick? he is honestly the most noble, true, kindhearted man I ever meet, Katie liked him so much and he wrote her a few pages since she is where she is, giving her advise and telling her to come home such a sweet letter it was he sent it to me & then I forwarded it on to her, Jack is worried nearly as much as we I believe concerning her.

D, Gee but we love each other. Edith your air plant dont seem to grow any but looks nice & green there is little black ants in it, the air leaf is growing nicely I like to watch it.

Archie gave me or rather Sarah three pictures of his so I sent one to Mabel & you one. Kate says he looks like an Egyptian in his. I am busy sewing all the time, at present I am making a pale blue organdy with a tiny pink spray in it over pale blue, just the waist it is all shirred, tucked, and the real valencienne lace on it, and then I am going to make a dressing sacque. I do not go anywhere have not been with a young man since I returned, But I think I told you Mabel gave me her wheel and when the weather gets nice I am going to spin

often. I am going to ask G.S.
to get me a nice bicycle suit
dark blue. ~~Amy~~ Brown Belmonte
has got a little girl she was
only sick an hour in fact Aunt
said the thing was all over
with before the Dr arrived born
on 17 of Feb. Mr Belmont named
it Amah Bedaligne a French name
weighed 8½ lbs. at birth.

Mother is getting as fat as
Aunt Jack she weighs more
than she ever did 145 lbs. what
do you think of our mama?
good news isn't it?

Well darling I must stop this
scratching and pile in bed
So goodnight but you write
often & keep us posted as to
where you are mind. I only
wished I could partake of
the kisses you offered. thanks
though there were sweet on paper.

Your loving Tooty
Jennie Lind.